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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Five Cedarville University professors will be recognized in the December issue of the "Ohio Magazine" as "Excellence in Education" honorees. Each December, the publication recognizes faculty members across the state for their outstanding achievements in higher education.

The honorees include Rebecca Gryka, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences; Marc Clauson, Ph.D., professor of history and law; Mark Gathany, Ph.D., associate professor of biology; Tim Norman, Ph.D., professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering; and Michelle Wood, Ph.D., associate professor of English.

To be nominated, faculty must demonstrate excellence in teaching, participate in professional development activities, support student success outside the classroom and be a distinct member of the academic community. Each school or university in the Ohio area can nominate up to five professors or teachers for this recognition.

"God-pleasing excellence is what these five professors exemplify in and out of the classroom," said Loren Reno, vice president of academics at Cedarville University. "With their other colleagues, I salute their significant accomplishments and this high honor."

This is the second year all five of the Cedarville professors nominated were chosen by the magazine for this recognition. In 2015, Cedarville's honorees included Gerald Brown, Ph.D., associate professor of electrical engineering; Aleda Chen, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacy practice; James Leightenheimer, M.A., associate professor of communications; John Mortenson, D.M.A., professor of music; and Peggy Wilfong, Ph.D., professor of English.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.